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## **Bumbershoot**

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Seattle's famous Bumbershoot Festival, a three day event filled with arts, music, and crafts, had over 150,000 attendees this year. The King County Elections Outreach Team joined this year's festival and registered people to vote, changed voter's addresses, and demonstrated the accessible voting unit (AVU). The accessible voting unit offers a touch screen or audio ballot and encourages people with disabilities to vote at the polls on Election Day to cast an independent ballot for the first time.

The festival brought a diverse crowd to the Seattle Center, and the King County Elections Outreach Team enthusiastically registered over 140 people to vote, including many new voters who just turned 18.

In addition to voter registration, the Outreach Team encouraged individuals to sign up to

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be poll workers. Many teenagers came up to the booth concerned with voting issues and the upcoming elections, but were too young to vote. Serving as a poll worker allows students to be more involved with the democratic process.

